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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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For: **Method and Apparatus for Characterization of Optical Systems**
Inventor: Matthew E. Hansen
Our Ref: 1857.1460001

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1. Form PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form to cover;
\$180.00 Submission of an Information Disclosure Statement
2. Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
3. Form PTO 1449 (1 page) listing the cited documents;
4. Copies of documents AL1 and AR1; and
5. One (1) return postcard.

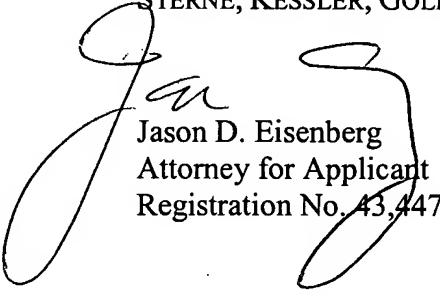
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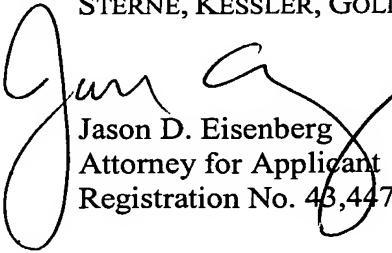
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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449, and indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

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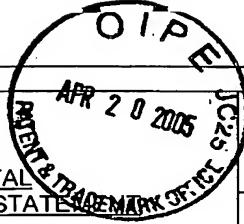
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